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11 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
12 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
13 **SOUTHERN DIVISION**

14 RENO MAY, an individual;
15 ANTHONY MIRANDA, an individual;
16 ERIC HANS, an individual; GARY
BRENNAN, an individual; OSCAR A.
BARRETTO, JR., an individual;
17 ISABELLE R. BARRETTO, an
individual; BARRY BAHRAMI, an
individual; PETE STEPHENSON, an
individual; ANDREW HARMS, an
individual; JOSE FLORES, an
individual; DR. SHELDON HOUGH,
DDS, an individual; SECOND
20 AMENDMENT FOUNDATION; GUN
OWNERS OF AMERICA; GUN
OWNERS FOUNDATION; GUN
OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA, INC.;
THE LIBERAL GUN CLUB, INC.; and
CALIFORNIA RIFLE & PISTOL
ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED,

21 Plaintiffs,
22 v.

23 ROBERT BONTA, in his official
capacity as Attorney General of the
State of California, and DOES 1-10,

24 Defendants.

25 Case No.: 8:23-cv-01696 CJC (ADSx)

26 **DECLARATION OF MORIS
DAVIDOVITZ IN SUPPORT OF
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

27 **42 U.S.C. §§ 1983 & 1988**

28 Hearing Date: December 4, 2023
Hearing Time: 1:30 p.m.
Courtroom: 9 B
Judge: Hon. Cormac J. Carney

DECLARATION OF MORIS DAVIDOVITZ

I, Moris Davidovitz, declare as follows:

1. I am a resident of Marin County, California, and make this Declaration stating my personal knowledge of the following set forth herein.

2. I am an adult, age 71, who is not prohibited from owning firearms under the laws of the United States of America or the State of California. I have never been found by any law enforcement agency, any court, or any other government agency to be irresponsible, unsafe, or negligent with firearms in any manner. I have received more than sixteen hours of instruction in the safe use of firearms including handguns and the laws of California regarding the possession and use of firearms including handguns. I have many hours of live fire practice with firearms including handguns. The instruction including live fire instruction I have received includes concealed carry defensive use of handguns.

3. I am an attorney licensed to practice in California state courts since December 1976. I also have been admitted to practice in other courts, including the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal, and the United States Supreme Court. I am rated by Martindale-Hubbell "Judicial Preeminent AV". I have volunteered to courts, as an appointed mediator for the Sonoma Superior Court and for the Sacramento Superior Court, and as a pro tem settlement judge for the San Francisco Superior Court. I currently practice law in two law firms: as an employee in the Cooper & Scully, P.C. office located in San Francisco, California and as the owner of Davidovitz + Bennett located in Marin County, California.

4. I have a valid and current License to Carry Concealed Weapon Within the State of California (“CCW”), for three handguns, issued by the Marin County Sheriff. The “Reason For License” stated on that CCW is “protection”. As I had communicated to the Marin County Sheriff during the interview process for my application for a CCW, my primary reason for obtaining a CCW was for the

1 protection of myself, my spouse of some 47 years who is age 70, and my minor
2 grandchildren who reside nearby ages 3 through 10.

3 5. SB 2 would prohibit me from carrying a concealed handgun in many
4 places where I desire to carry in order to protect and defend myself, my spouse, and
5 my minor grandchildren in the event of an imminent threat to life or serious bodily
6 harm, as detailed below. As such, SB 2 would effectively and practically strip away
7 that protection and defense.

8 6. My spouse and I have reduced our work schedules to permit us more
9 time for activities together, with friends, and with our grandchildren. We
10 increasingly enjoy such activities as going to restaurants, movie theatres, the San
11 Francisco ballet, the San Francisco symphony, and more throughout urban areas
12 such as in San Francisco, Oakland, and Berkeley. Participating in such activities
13 involves our driving to the locations, parking our car sometimes in a parking
14 garage, and walking in streets to and from the activity.

15 7. SB 2 would prohibit me from carrying a concealed handgun during
16 such events in order to protect and defend my spouse. Absent a sign granting
17 permission, I would not be able to carry a concealed handgun into a parking garage,
18 moreover I do not see how I could practically determine in advance whether a
19 parking garage was posting a sign with permission. Also, I could not carry a
20 concealed handgun while walking the streets to and from a restaurant because
21 almost every restaurant I am familiar with serves alcoholic beverages of some kind,
22 so that SB 2 would prohibit me from carrying a concealed handgun into a
23 restaurant. Also, I could not carry a concealed handgun while walking the streets to
24 and from the San Francisco ballet or the San Francisco symphony because from my
25 personal experience there those venues serve alcoholic beverages during
26 intermission, so that SB 2 would prohibit me from carrying a concealed handgun
27 into those venues. I accompany my spouse shopping in a mall area and
supermarkets which have multiple points of entry; I cannot see how I could

1 practically examine each entry point for the presence of a sign in some undefined
2 location granting permission for entry with firearms before entering the mall or
3 supermarket with my spouse, which would tend to dissuade me from carrying a
4 concealed handgun to any mall or supermarket. I would no longer feel safe going to
5 the Orpheum Theatre in San Francisco without the ability to carry a concealed
6 handgun because attending there means parking in and walking in a section of San
7 Francisco known as the “Tenderloin”, which is an area exhibiting open air drug use
8 and aggressive conduct in the public streets. Also, in my experience movie theatres
9 are more and more serving alcoholic beverages to encourage attendance (for
10 example, the Rafael Film Center in San Rafael, the AMC Kabuki in San Francisco,
11 the Castro Theatre in San Francisco), so that SB 2 would prohibit me from
12 protecting my spouse by carrying a concealed handgun into or walking in the streets
13 to and from such movie theatres, because SB 2 would prohibit me from carrying a
14 concealed handgun in such venues.

15 8. I often (usually each week) provide childcare to my four
16 grandchildren, ages 3 to 10, who reside close to me. They are in households where
17 both parents work, and so their parents rely on me and my spouse to provide
18 childcare including transportation for each of the grandchildren. I take very
19 seriously my responsibility to protect my grandchildren (and other minor children
20 who may from time to time be in my care): I have current certification by the
21 American Red Cross in Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED, and by the
22 American Heart Association in Basic Life Support. In my car I carry a first aid kit
23 which includes equipment for trauma care. My mobile phone has applications for
24 poison control, first aid, and locating hospital emergency rooms.

25 9. The childcare I provide includes transportation, such as to athletic
26 events (soccer practice and games for the 10 year old grandson), parks with
27 playgrounds for all of the children, toy stores and book stores for certain
28 grandchildren, and therapy sessions for certain grandchildren who have special

1 needs. Sometimes the grandchildren want to stop into an ice cream store or get a
2 soft drink from a convenience store. Participating in such activities involves
3 driving to the locations, parking my car sometimes in a parking garage, and walking
4 in streets to and from the activity. SB 2 would prohibit me from carrying a
5 concealed handgun during such events in order to protect and defend my
6 grandchildren. Absent a sign granting permission, I would not be able to carry a
7 concealed handgun into a parking garage, moreover I do not see how I could
8 practically determine in advance whether a parking garage was posting a sign with
9 permission. SB 2 would prohibit me from carrying a handgun while walking with
10 my grandchildren to and from a playground, an athletic event, a toy store, a book
11 store, an ice cream store, a therapy facility, a shopping mall, and certainly a
12 convenience store as they sell alcoholic beverages. As happens with young
13 children, on occasion while driving them a grandchild urgently needs to use a
14 restroom, which means quickly entering a restaurant or a convenience store at a gas
15 station; SB 2 would prohibit me from such entry with a concealed handgun as those
16 locations serve or sell alcoholic beverages, so at very best SB 2 would require that
17 in the presence of and observation by my grandchildren I unholster a holstered
18 concealed handgun and then lock the handgun in the rear of my car (and then, on
19 return to my car, reverse the process, again in the presence of and observation by
20 my grandchildren). I do not wish to expose my young grandchildren to the
21 handling of handguns and to respond to their inevitable curiosity about handgun
22 handling, so the restrictions resulting from SB 2 would tend to dissuade me from
23 the exercise of my Constitutional right to bear arms for my defense and the defense
24 of my grandchildren.

25 10. SB 2 also would restrict me from the exercise of my Constitutional
26 right to bear arms for my own defense, in connection with my travel as part of my
27 providing services as an attorney. To access my law office at the law firm Cooper
28 & Scully, P.C. in San Francisco I drive from my home in Marin County to San

1 Francisco and park my car in a certain parking garage where I have received a
2 security clearance to park, and then walk the public streets to the law office. That
3 garage does not post permission to enter with firearms, so SB 2 would prohibit me
4 from carrying a concealed handgun in that garage and so I would not have access to
5 a concealed handgun to walk the public streets to and from my law office in San
6 Francisco. Further, as part of my law practice with the law firm of Davidovitz +
7 Bennett, I provide legal assistance without a fee charge to persons, often in San
8 Francisco, who have modest legal problems who are not in a position to retain an
9 attorney for assistance with such legal problems. Davidovitz + Bennett does not
10 have an office in San Francisco, so that in order to meet with such clients I often
11 must meet the person in a restaurant in San Francisco convenient to their location.
12 SB 2 would prohibit me from carrying a concealed handgun while walking the
13 public streets to or from such a location, or in such a location because it serves
14 alcoholic beverages.

15 11. I feel that SB 2 is a pernicious restriction on the free practice of my
16 Jewish religious faith, to the extent that I believe the free exercise of religious faith
17 includes the exercise of the Constitutional right to protect oneself, one's family, and
18 one's parishioners in the practice of one's religious faith. I am aware of Mr. Doug
19 Imhoff, the husband of Vice-President Harris, at a roundtable on antisemitism at the
20 White House in December 2022, warning of an "epidemic of hate facing our
21 country." I am aware of a May 2023 report by the Anti-Defamation League of an
22 audit showing in 2022 a 36% increase over 2021 of reported incidents of
23 antisemitic assault, harassment and vandalism in the United States, and which is the
24 largest number of incidents against Jews in the U.S. since the organization began its
25 assessments in 1979. I am aware of the recent deaths and injuries by a gunman at
26 the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, and reports of law enforcement preventing
27 serious threats against Jewish communities. I therefore have concern over the safety
28 of myself, my family, and my parishioners attending religious services in my

1 community synagogue Rodef Shalom, especially during the Jewish High Holy
2 Days where hundreds congregate in one location in observance. That synagogue
3 does not post a sign granting permission to enter with firearms, moreover during the
4 Jewish High Holy Days because of hundreds of congregants the synagogue uses the
5 Marin County Civic Center for observance. The Civic Center may qualify as a
6 government building or a commercial building, which I understand would be a
7 prohibited area under SB 2. Thus, SB 2 would prohibit my carrying a concealed
8 handgun for protection in my community synagogue or for religious services held
9 at the Civic Center, including the ability to carry a concealed handgun while
10 walking to or from religious services.

11 12. Until recently when I heard about the passage of SB 2, I was not
12 involved in any associations promoting Second Amendment rights or “gun rights”,
13 nor active in those issues. With the passage of SB 2, however, I want a recognized
14 association to advocate for me against what I feel to be the unconstitutional
15 restrictions imposed by SB 2 on me in the protection of myself, my family, and
16 others, so I have become a member of the California Rifle and Pistol Association, a
17 Plaintiff in the action herein. I support Plaintiff California Rifle and Pistol
18 Association advocating on my behalf in this action.

19 13. To the limited extent I am able to carry a concealed handgun anymore
20 under the restrictions imposed on me by SB 2, it will be necessary for me either to
21 subject my handgun to theft by more frequently leaving it in my vehicle (a
22 Chevrolet Bolt, with a hatchback not including a locked trunk) while parked away
23 from my home or else be dissuaded from even bringing my handgun. As a
24 responsible, law-abiding person, this increased risk of theft of my handgun because
25 of the effect of SB 2 I feel to be a chilling effect on what limited concealed carrying
26 ability may be left to me from the application of SB 2 restrictions.

27 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California
28 that the foregoing is true and correct and was executed on September 29, 2023, in

1 Greenbrae, California.

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5 Moris Davidovitz, declarant

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Case Name: *May, et al. v. Bonta*
Case No.: 8:23-cv-01696 CJC (ADSx)

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT:

I, the undersigned, am a citizen of the United States and am at least eighteen years of age. My business address is 180 East Ocean Boulevard, Suite 200, Long Beach, California 90802.

I am not a party to the above-entitled action. I have caused service of:

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on the following party by electronically filing the foregoing with the Clerk of the District Court using its ECF System, which electronically notifies them.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed September 29, 2023

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